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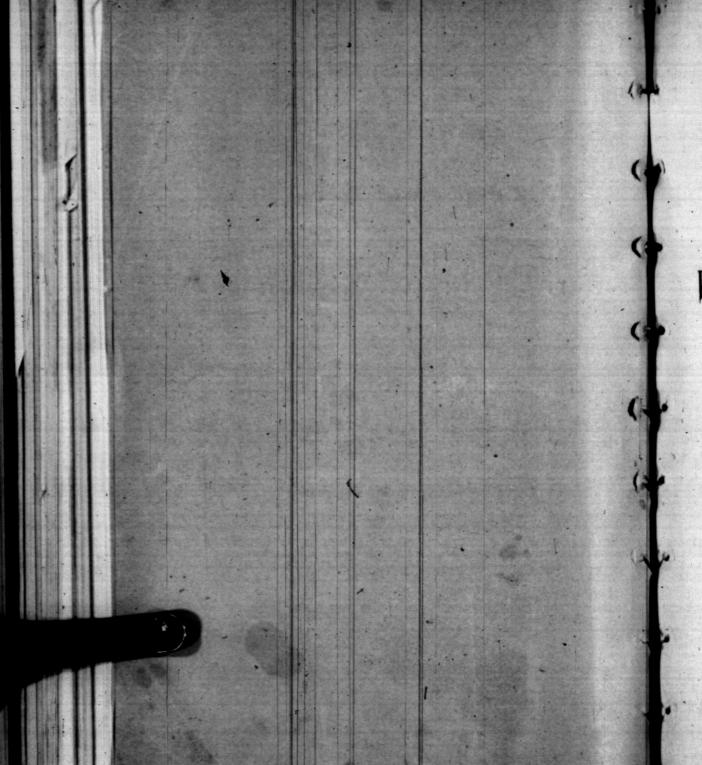
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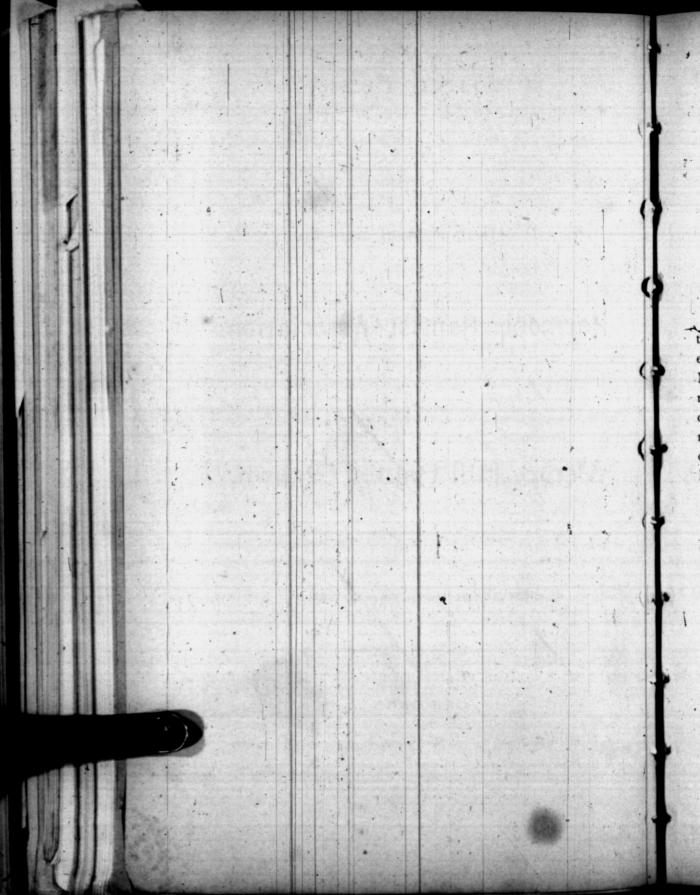
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FIRST DAY-MORNING SESSION.

CONWAY, Leake Co., Miss., Oct. 26, '89.

The Harmony Baptist Association convened in her Fortesth Annual Session, and was called to order by the Moderator, W. P. Dorrill. After devotional exercises by the Moderator, Elder W. P. Dorrill, the body was deciared ready for business, when the letters from the different churches were called for and read and delegates names enrolled, after which the Moderator appointed a committee on Finance, consisting of J. W. Miles, Henry Collier, J. F. Kernop and Z. Stewart.

Elders J. T. Christian and J. N. Denson were appointed Reading Clerks.

After reading the letters, there was an intermission to hear the Introductory sermon, which was preached by Elder J. H. Davis from Matthew 2:2; after which the body took a recess for an hour and a half for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body re-assembled in the house at 2 o'clock, and after devotional exercises, the body resumed business. Those churches not represented this morning, called for, none present.

Petitionary letters called for.

Union (Choctaw) came forward and was received as a church in this body.

The body now went into permanent organization, Eld.; J. T. Christian and J. M. Pearson acting as tellers. Election for officers was held, which resulted as follows: J. P. Hickman, Moderator and J. C. Neill Clerk and Treasurer.

The following brethren were appointed a committee on Religious Exercises:

George Yeager, W. J. Miles and W. I. Phillips, with pastor and deacons of this church.

Called for correspondence from Convention Board and Baptist Record. Received Elder J. T. Christian.

Called for Kosciusko Association—Brother Wm. Doolin, Elder E. E. Thornton and J. F. Wilson.

Called for Yazoo Association-Elder E. T. Dendy.

Called for Mount Pisgah Association-None present.

Called for Mount Olive Association—Elder J. M. Pear-

Called for Louisville Association—Brother W. D. Kelly.
Called for Mount Charity (col.) Association—Brother
Green Collier, (col.)

RETURNED CORRESPONDENCE.

Kosciusko Association-Elder R. G. Barrett, E. T. Barnett, J. H. Davis and Brother J. C. Pool.

Yazoo Association—Brother J. W. McKay and Elder R. G. Barrett.

Mount Pisgah Association—Brother J. W. Miles and Elder J. H. Davis.

Mount Olive Association—Brothers S. J. Denson, J. N. Denson, Henry Collier, E. T. Barnett, W. P. Dorrill and W. I. Phillips.

Louisville Association—Elder J. H. Davis and Brother J. C. Pool.

DELEGATES.

Central Association—Elder J. M. Vinson, R. E. Melvin and R. G. Barrett.

State Convention—Elder R. E. Melvin, T. J. Moore, R. G. Barrett, J. H. Davis, J. P. Hickman, E. T. Barnett, W. P. Dorrill and Brothers James Perry, W. J. Wallace, W. I. Phillips, Henry Collier, Geo. Yeager, J. N. Denson, Z. Stewart and J. M. Vinson.

Southern Baptist Convention—Elder R. E. Melvin, alternate, Elder J. P. Hickman.

On motion, the Moderator was granted until to-morrow morning to appoint committees.

Committee on Devotional Exercises report:

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Prayermeeting at 10 o'clock A. M., by Brother J. N. Denson; preaching at 11 o'clock by Elder J. T. Christian; preaching at 2 o'clock by Elder J. M. Pearson.

GEORGE YERGER, Chairman Com.

Adjourned to 9 o clock Monday morning.

SABBATH EXERCISES

Interesting services by the Choctaws at 10 o'clock; prayermeeting by Brother J. W. Denson at 11 o'clock. Elder J. T. Christian preached to a large and attentive congregation. Text: 9th chapter of Acts; from 1st to 9th verse; after which a collection of \$20.35 was taken for State Missions.

Elder R. E. Melvin preached at 2 o clock. Text: 1st Corinthians, 15th chapter and 58th and last verses.

SECOND DAY-MORNING SESSION.

The body met pursuant to adjournment, 9 o'clock Monday morning. After devotional exercises, resumed business. Minutes of Saturday read and adopted.

Called for churches not being represented, when Mount Carmel, represented by her delegates, presented her letter, and Mount Zion Choctaw church.

Opened correspondence with East Pearl River Association—Elder E. T. Barnett, Thomas Lochla and Brother J. A. Thomas.

Motion that the report on Missions be made special for

Report on Publications, marked "A."

Report on Missions, marked "B."

Recess for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After devotional exercises the body resumed business.

Report on Obituaries, "C."

On Queries and Questions, "D."

On Temperance, "E."

On State of Religion, "F."

On Sabbath-Schools, "G."

On Mississippi College and Ministerial Education, "H."

Motion, that Brother J. H. Davis be granted the privi-

lege of taking collection for the Mount Charity church, (col.) which amounted to \$6 05.

Report on Finance, "I."

On Nominations, "I."

On Executive Board, "K."

RESOLUTIONS.

RESOLVED. That the pastors of the Harmony Association recommend Baptist literature to their churches.

Elder R. G. Barrett was granted the privilege of taking up a collection for Hopewell church, which amounted to \$6 35.

RESOLVED, That the delegates to the Southern Conven-

tion be allowed to draw from the Treasurer \$28 oo for the purpose of defraying expenses.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to this church and community for the hospitable manner in which the delegates, messengers and visitors have been entertained during the session of this body.

RESOLVED, That the Clerk and Treasurer be authorized to draw on the Treasury for \$15 oo for his services.

RESOLVED, That the Executive Board is no longer a necessity.

By motion, it is abolished.

RESOLVED, That this Association adjourn to meet with Jerusalem church, Scott county, on Saturday before the Fourth Sabbath in October, 1890.

JNO. P. HICKMAN, Moderator.

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A--ON PUBLICATIONS.

One of the evidences in prophecy of the near approach of the latter day glory of the Messiah's Kingdom is, that many shall run to and fro and knowledge shall be increased.

That time is on us now. Next to the pulpit and living ministry, there is no agency in the increase of religious knowledge to be compared with the Press, and one of the marked features of the present century is the religious newspaper. Our own Baptist Record is pre-eminently the paper for us to patronize, for the reason that it is our paper, and, as your committee on Publications, we recommend that it be in the hands and house of every family in our bounds. In immediate connection with the Record, we recommend the Home Field, Foreign Mission Journal, and then as much more good periodical literature as you can get. Especially our Sunday-School periodicals; but, after all, the religious newspaper is only the spice of literature. It does not supply the place of In fact, in proportion as the newspaper is increased, in precisely that proportion is the demand for books increased. On this head it goes without saying it that first of all is the Book of Books the word of God. Such are our present facilities for procuring books, abundant, cheap and good, through our American Baptist Publication Society, with her branches now extending into all parts of 5the country North, East, South and West, and their almost countless sub-depositories aided by the active, zealous and almost every question colporteur. There is now no excuse for any one being destitute of good books. Your committee would add, as an incentive to activity in this direction, especially to Christian parents, that your children will have books, and if you do not supply them, the devil will, for he has his publishing house and his colporteur everywheren and the only way to protect them from bad books, the most corrupting of all evil companions, is to keep them supplied with good books.

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. MELVIN, A. G. FOSTER.

B--ON MISSIONS.

Your committee on Missions submit the following report: That inasmuch as the King in Zion, in His last commission to His disciples said,
go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel, and never having revoked that command, it is, therefore, the great work of the church of
Christ, and in obedience to that command we are engaged in that work,
and as faith comes by hearing, and hearing by
Scriptures say how then shall they call on Him in whom they have not
believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not
heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they
preach except they be sent?

Therefore, we would urge the great importance of the churches entering more fully into this work and following the injunction of the Apostle to the Gentiles wherein he said "Give as the Lord has prospered you." Lift up your eyes and look upon the fields that are white already to the harvest, and we would command that prayer be made for Missions by pastors and people, thereby obeying the command of Christ. Pray ye, the Lord of the Harvest to send forth Laborers into His harvest.

AMENDED.

Resolved, That the delegates and pastors composing this Association will, on their return to their respective churches, urge upon them the importance of the great work of missions, and that we will endeavor to double our efforts in this direction and do as much more as possible for God.

Respectfully submitted

R. G. BARRETT, A. B. ELLINGTON,

G. BREWER,

Committee.

C--ON OBITUARIES.

Your committee on Obituaries report during the past Associational year that the Messenger of Death has visited some of our churches, and thirteen of our members have been called to their reward. Our Father

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is calling His children one by one. Then let us be ready, for we know not the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. DAVIS,

D--ON QUERIES AND REQUESTS.

Your committee on Queries and Requests beg leave to report that we find no Queries sent up, but we find four churches requesting the Association to meet with them, to wit: Jerusalem, New Hope, Mount Zion and Standing Pine, and after considering each of them, we recommend Jerusalem as the place of holding the next meeting of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY COLLIER, THOMAS LOCKLY, ... F. L. HILL.

Committee.

E--ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee would respectfully report that the day of saloons in this district is over. The reformation inaugurated by the ministry and preached from the pulpit has extended an influence into the Legislature, causing them to enact wise and wholesome laws on temperance. The Courts have shown a disposition to execute these laws, and public opinion comes to the aid of both; so that although the violator of the whiskey law may escape its penalties, and the efforts of the courts may, in some instances, get defeated, yet he who sells intoxicating drinks, or habitually uses the same as a beverage, cannot escape censure and public opinion, and brands him as an enemy to society. All these causes have done much to put down the use of intoxicating drinks, but we believe that more than all things else, the power of the preached gospel has been instrumental in bringing about this happy reformation; therefore, we most earnestly recommend to all persons, especially members of the Baptist church, to use all their influence on the side of temperance, and drive the demon intemperance out of the land.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. ELLINGTON A. S. TUCKER, W. J. WALLACE,

Committee.

J-ON NOMINATIONS.

That a quarterly meeting be held with Good Hope, Leake county, on Friday before the 5th Sunday in December, and the Moderator be in-

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ty, on be instructed to prepare a program, and have published in the Carthagenian and Baptist Record, and that Brother T. J. Moore preach the Introductory sermon, J. P. Hickman, alternate.

E. T. Gober, T. B. Blai-The following laymen have been selected; lock, F. L. Hill, G. W. Goulsby, J. M. Moony, John Edwards, Allen Tucker, G. W. Walton F. W. E. Ellington, G. M. C. Davis, Isaac Treadwell, J. T. Kernops, J. W. McKay, J. T. Nutt, Thomas Burks; Dr. J. N. Denson, Thos. Anderson, J. W. Kirksy, J. A. Adams, J. C. McBeth, Ely Douglas, W. B. Rawson; Geo. Allen, W. J. Wallace, G. W. Thornton, Simon Isaac. Also that each church appoint one layman making two from each church.

Respectfully submitted,

W. I. PHILLIPS,

Chairman.

F-STATE OF RELIGION

Your committee on the state of religion, make the following report: We have examined the letters from the various churches, and find the following reports:

Bulah-Much revived.

Camden-No increase.

Canaan-Much revived.

Carthage-At peace, and spiritual condition good

Good Hope (M.)-Somewhat cold.

Good Hope (Leake Co.) - Spiritual condition good : much revived with many additions.

Hopewell (Choctaw)-Cold and barren.

Hopewell-Revived.

Jerusalem-Revised.

Mount Zion-At peace.

New Hope-Much revived, with many additions

New Union-In a cold state.

Old Rocky Point-Revived.

Rocky Point-Cold.

Standing Pine-At Peace.

Salem-Much revived.

Thomastown-Cold.

Harmony-At peace

Mars Hill-Not at peace.

Stump Bridge-Revived.

Mount Carmel-Cold.

Mount Zion (Choctaw)—Revived Midway—Revived

Respectfully submitted,

E. T. BARNETT, J. L. McMILLIN, W. D. GRASS,

Committee.

G ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sabbath-Schools beg leave to make the following report: While we do not regard Sabbath-Schools as a part of a church, nor the nursery of the church, we believe that any church that fails to keep up a lively Sabbath-School, is falling far short of her duty. Impressions received in early youth, of either truth or error, are more steadfast, and harder to remove than those received in after-life. Therefore we should exert every means at our command, to impress the minds of the children who look to us for instruction, with correct views on God's truths. Let us have good enthusiastic Sabbath-Schools in all our churches, and let us all be members of them. As we have literature of every description necessary, published under our own supervision, and as cheap as any other, we heartily recommend to all Sabbath-Schools, and especially our own, to use Baptist literature.

Respectfully submitted.

T. J. MOORE, J. E. TERRY, JAMES KEMP,

Committee.

H--MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE AND MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee on Mississippi College and Ministerial Education cannot urge too strongly to the favorable consideration of the Baptists of Harmony Association, the great need of an institution for the higher education of the youth of our land. In this day of educational boom, the Baptists must keep abreast of the times or be left in the lurch. Is it not the solemn duty of the Baptists that they shall keep in the front rank, believing as they do, that they hold the Truth, and are earnestly contending for the Faith once delivered to the saints? Mississippi College, we believe, meets this want in a very eminent degree. Mississippi College does not propose to make preachers, for that is God's work, but she does propose to educate the young preachers called of God; to work and qualify them to grapple with critics in science, in the languages, in

which the Bible was originally written, and to meet and successfully combat errors, etc., on any ground of their own choosing. We feel rejoiced at the favorable outlook for the College, and her noble work of the past. She is entitled to the congratulations of the Baptists everywhere. She has sent into the Lord's vineyard, in several States of our Southland, men educated within her walls who reflect honor upon the denomination, and who are accomplishing great good for the Master.

The present session of the College has opened up most prosperously. There are already enrolled about three hundred students, fifty of whom are studying for the ministry. She has educated in the past, over three thousand students, and over three hundred were for the ministry. Is not that a grand showing? for which she should receive the congratulations of the denomination everywhere. The moralizing and Christianizing influence upon the students educated within her walls should very highly recommend her to the patronage of every Baptist father and mother in our State. There are few indeed of those educated by her, but who have been happily converted to God before leaving her walls, and have made useful and honorable citizens ever after.

A great effort is now being made to raise an end wment fund of \$50,000. Let all help in this matter who can, that she may enlarge her usefulness, that the advantages of her college course may be extended to many indigent young men who are now deprived on account of the want of means, to do so, who feel "woe is me if I preach not the Gospel,"

Respectfully submitted,

I N. DENSON,

A. H. LANGFORD,

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I--ON FINANCE.

Your committee on Finance would respectfully submit the following report for the year 1889:

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ted by the churches, a portion of the funds having been sent direct to the respective Board.

We have examined the Treasurer's books, and find them correct, with a balance on hand of \$21 or.

Respectfully submitted,

W. | MILES.

Chairman

Note-The above report shows an amount in excess of that paid into the treasury. - CLERK.

K--REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

To the Harmony Association:

We would respectfully report that since your last meeting, we have held four meetings, at which we have discussed questions of a spiritual and practical nature, at which we hope there has been good accomplish-There has been but little missionary work done, the fields that have been beretofore occupied by our missionaries having churches organized accessible to them, or thought inexpedient by our missionaries to occupy them longer, as destitute, and we would respectfully recommend to your body to discontinue this Board, it being no longer a necessity in our bounds; and that the Association put a colporteur in the field, to work in the bounds of this Association.

W. P. DORRILL, Moderator.

P. HICKMAN, Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT

J. C. Neill, to Harmony Ass	ociation:		
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		J. C. NEILL, Clerk and	Treasurer.

RESOLVED. That the pastors of this Association be requested to bring prominently before their respective churches the Baptist literature of

RESOLUTIONS.

the day, and try to induce their people to purchase and read Baptist books.

RESOLVED and, That the Baptist Book House at Jackson be recommended to the patronage of pastors and members of our churches.

J. N. DENSON.

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J. C. Denson	LudlowScott Cour	ity
A. B. Ellington	.ThomastownLeake	
R. E. Melvin	.Camden Madison	
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T. E. Morris	Good HopeLeake	
A. J. Cockroft.	. Hillsboro Scott	
	.EdinburgLeake	
	.PalonaLeake	
W. P. Dorrill	.PalonaLeake	
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